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This Preliminary Amendment amends IPE Claims 7-9 and 16-18, which are set forth on amended sheets 17, 18 and 20, to produce new amended claims that are not multiply dependent. Once examination on the merits has begun, the Applicant may elect to amend new amended Claims 7-9 and 16-18 to make these claims multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims.

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Enclosures: Appendix A  
copy of amended sheets 1-5 and 16-21

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Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim] Claim 1, in which the database is divided into first and second tables and including the steps of: entering records of users' mail addresses and the addresses of servers identified as corresponding servers in the first table; and entering records of domain names and the addresses of any servers identified as corresponding servers in the second table.

9. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim] Claim 1 in which the predetermined protocol or protocols is or are the Post Office Protocol (POP3) and/or the Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP4).

16. (Amended) A system according to [any one of Claims 10 to 15] Claim 10, in which the remote access mail client is arranged to write in the access database a record of any previously unrecorded server identified as the user's server identified as supporting the predetermined protocol or protocols.

17. (Amended) A system according to [any one of Claims 10 to 16] Claim 10, in which the database is divided into first and second tables, records of users' mail addresses and their corresponding servers being entered in the first table and records of domain names and their corresponding servers being entered in the second table.

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18. (Amended) A system according to [any one of Claims 10 to 17] Claim 10, in which the predetermined protocol or protocols is or are the Post Office Protocol (POP3) and/or the Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP4).